



# Nearly 10,000 Attended 15th Winter Sports Carnival Sunday

## 2,055 Passengers on Snow Trains

Grayling's 15th Annual Winter Sports Carnival is now history. And what a success it was! Thousands jammed their way into this city and Grayling Winter Park Sunday and it seemed that just about every available space in the city and park was occupied. These places were literally alive with enthusiastic humanity.

Friday, the first day of the carnival, was enjoyed in the day, skating, skiing, tobogganing and other activities at the park.

Saturday noon saw the advance delegations of a mighty throng that was to follow. By noon the city was a hive of activity. By late afternoon every hotel room in the city had been reserved. Homes were opened to care for the visitors and Mercy Hospital housed scores for the night.

Jimmy Stevenson of WJR brought with him a group of about 20, including many husbands and wives. The latter were entertained at the home of Mrs. C. G. Clippert during the afternoon, while the men enjoyed the facilities of the winter park.

In the evening the ladies were entertained at a banquet at Shoppenagons Inn, an account of which appears elsewhere in this issue of the Avalanche.

Saturday evening the officers of Winter Sports, Inc., tendered a banquet to many of the visiting radio announcers, newsmen, cameramen and others, at the Fischer Hotel dining room. About 40 were present. "Birdie" Tebbets, Grayling winter sports publicity agent, welcomed the guests and introduced Glenn MacDonald, managing editor of the Bay City Times, as toastmaster for the evening.

Among those called upon for talks were Jimmy Stevenson, Charles Gehring and Barney McCoskey of the Detroit Tigers, Mayor George Burke, President C. J. McNamara. Mr. Stevenson complimented the winter sports officials on the grand winter park they have provided for the good of the public. He paid a special tribute to Don Young, local Western Union operator, on the able manner in which he handled his 7000 word broadcast as it was telegraphed from Detroit. It was a masterful job, he said.

Tebbets said that every Grayling man present and many others who were not present, had actively identified himself in interest of Grayling winter park. This cooperation was sincerely appreciated by him and the park officials.

### Queen's Ball

Very lovely in all its splendor was the Queen's Ball that was held Saturday night at the school gymnasium. The ball room held one of the largest crowds ever present at an affair of its kind, with many spectators seated in the balcony. Music was furnished by a 12-piece orchestra of Traverse City, and the floor was filled to capacity for every dance it was so enjoyable. Dancing began at 9:30 o'clock and with hosts of guests from out of the city, the party proved one of the most pleasant events of the carnival.

Time for the crowning of Grayling's snow queen, Norberta Weiss, came with the party at its height. This was a gorgeous sight as the cortège moved to the throne to the strains of "Winter Wonderland." Six boys, Louis Kraus, Burton Peterson, Billy Hinsley, Allyn Maxwell, Eugene Corwin and Bob Clark, in white uniforms and wearing red hats and keeping perfect step marched to the foot of the throne and trumpeted the arrival of the Queen.

At the throne awaited Mrs. Nadine McNeven-Heath, Queen of 1933, for little Sandra Sue Sweeney, who, carrying the beautiful silver crown on a white satin prie-dieu made her way to it. In a green silk organdy frock with a green satin bow tied in her golden hair, Sandra was very sweet. Following came the members of the court who were Elsie Mae LaMotte, Ruth Burrows, Elva Lee Oranger, Natalie Peterson, June Morris, Bonita Dela-Mater, the latter who was maid-in-waiting, Mary Jane Joseph and Gloria MacNeven. They were dressed in gowns of pink, blue and aqua chiffon, three in blue, three in pink and two in green.

### When Trains Came In

The crowds didn't wait long Sunday morning before going to the winter park and soon that place was going full swing. This kept up all day long and far into the night. When the snow train from Flint, with its nearly 800 passengers arrived, Grayling and the winter park were busy in real earnest. Then when the

gowns were all made alike, floor length and shirred at the waistline, and they carried quaint Colonial bouquets, tied with satin ribbon streamers.

Queen Norberta amid loud applause, appeared looking very beautiful. Her gown was white chiffon made floor length with sweetheart neckline and short puffed sleeves. Over this she wore the traditional purple robe and carried an arm bouquet of pink roses tied with satin ribbon. Two little curly-haired tots, Marlene Sorenson and Shirley Souders, clad in black velvet panties and white satin blouses were the queen's pages, and they with Sandra Sue captivated the crowd with their cuteness. Billyann Clippert and Nellie Welsh officiated as door pages.

Many with the queen and her attendants at the throne, ex-queen, Nadine Heath, gowned in white lace presented the crown to Jimmy Stevenson, who together with Charles Gehring and Barney McCoskey proceeded with the crowning. The former placed the crown on the queen's head and in his happy manner asked the opinions of Messrs. Gehring and McCoskey if it were acceptable to them, to which they nodded their assent. With the crowning ceremonies over, Queen Norberta was whisked away in the crowd by Jimmy Stevenson, who claimed the first dance.

The gymnasium decorations which were simple but pretty were the same as those used at the ball when the queen was chosen early in January. Don Sweeney was in charge of the decorations.

Credit for the grandeur and success of the Queen's Ball goes unlimbitably to Mrs. C. G. Clippert, Mrs. Esbern Hanson, Mrs. A. J. Joseph, Miss Margrethe Bauman, Mrs. C. J. McNamara and Mrs. Harold MacNeven.

These ladies are to be congratulated for the very beautiful affair enjoyed by so many.

### Queen's Banquet

The winter sports queens were honor guests at a banquet for ladies at Shoppenagons Inn Saturday evening.

The long table was centered with a huge, beautifully decorated queen's cake on the top of which was a miniature queen in a royal robe; large bouquets of spring flowers graced the ends of the table. The attendance was so large that other tables were arranged for the overflow.

Mrs. C. G. Clippert acted as toastmistress, introducing the queen, as she and her court took their places at the table, after the other guests were seated. The queen responded in a very lovely manner to the introduction, and expressed her appreciation, for her self and her court, for the very fine courtesies which had been extended to them, especially by the queen's committee, Mrs. Clippert, Mrs. Esbern Hanson, Miss Margrethe Bauman.

The out-of-town guests were also introduced by Mrs. Clippert with the banquet following.

"Birdie" Tebbets, winter sports publicity director, came in for an informal farewell talk, thanking the queen's committee, and the queen and her court, as well as the many other ladies who have co-operated with him and the winter sports officials in making the season such a fine success.

The toastmistress then introduced Mrs. C. J. McNamara, wife of the president of Winter Sports, Inc., who gave a resume of the growth of Grayling's winter sports. Mrs. McNamara's very gracious manner and splendid knowledge of the history of winter sports from the pioneer days to the present time, made her talk one of the outstanding features of the program. The lovely place cards found at the places, as well as the darling little queen on the cake were made by Mrs. Herbert Trudeau.

Miss Margrethe Bauman had charge of arrangement of the banquet.

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SCENE FROM CORONATION CEREMONIES (Kramer Photo)

Extreme left to right: Ruth Burrows, Nadine Heath, Winter Queen 1933, 1940 Queen Norberta Weiss, Jimmy Stevenson, Elsie Mae LaMotte, Elva MacOranger. The little tots are Shirley Souders, Sandra Sue Sweeney, and Marlene Sorenson.

two Detroit trains with nearly 1500 more passengers arrived, and highways were teaming with autos, every available place seemed occupied. The huge auto parking space at the winter park, which it was believed could accommodate any possible crowds, soon was filled to overflowing and a mile of autos lined the highway.

In the afternoon Jimmy Stevenson assisted "Birdie" Tebbets in crowning Norberta Weiss queen of Grayling's 1940 winter sports. Accompanying Queen Norberta was her court — Bonita DeLaMater, maid in waiting; Elsie Mae LaMotte, June Morris, Gloria MacNeven, Mary Jane Joseph, Natalie Peterson, Ruth Burrows and Elva Lee Oranger.

At the same time Charles Gehring and Barney McCoskey performed the ceremonies in the coronation of Betty Anderson, queen of the Flint snow train.

Scores of camera fans snapped pictures of Queen Norberta and her attendants on the ice throne.

### Saddle Ski Contest

Team Division — First, Detroit; D. Zeigler, E. Byrnes, B. Byrnes, R. Byrnes. Total 91 feet.

Second — Elberta.

Third — Grayling.

Senior Individual Division — First, G. Vigland, Elberta, 24 feet 7 inches. Second, E. Byrnes, Detroit, 23 feet 6 inches. Third, B. Byrnes, Detroit, 20 feet 4 inches.

Junior Individual Division — First, P. Blockhart of Elberta, 23 feet. Second, tied, B. Jewell and L. Price, Elberta, 19 feet 8 inches. Third, D. Sleeper, Elberta, 19 feet 4 inches.

Teams Entered — 1 Detroit team, 2 Elberta teams, 1 Grayling team, 1 West Branch team.

In the Junior Division Grayling was represented by Allan Stevenson, Bobby Bennett, and Keith Entsminger. Gerald Bargen competed in the Senior Division.

Allan Stevenson made a jump of 19 feet 7 inches in the team division and also had a

jump of 21 feet 7 inches on a technicality. Bobby Bennett made several successful jumps. His best was 17 feet 6 inches.

The jump was very difficult and required skill and courage.

### Snow Playground Vast Panorama of Color

Miss Helen Bradley, a former Grayling girl, and now of Bay City Times staff of writers, had the following interesting story about her day at the carnival. It reads as follows:

"Take equal parts of snow and ice, seasoned with rainbow-hued costumes, add a liberal dash of the great American play spirit, spiced with tangy temperatures to keep cheeks rosy and you've a perfect winter sports cocktail served to thousands of guests at its 1940 carnival.

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tumes of the skaters wove an ever-changing pattern of color.

"It was a young day, young in spirit, and in conception, but it wasn't all for the young in years for gray-haired men and women were numerous on the skating rink and on the toboggan slide, shouting as loudly as the youngsters who were, of course, well-represented.

### Women Enjoy Winter Sports

From any point in the park was visible the great American flag which topped the tall flagpole on one of the hilly promontories in the park and it seemed to epitomize the holiday mood of the thousands who congregated in Grayling to enjoy the Michigan gift of perfect natural winter sports facilities and weather.

A representative of the Leon Co. products was present and gave the council members statistics relative to their fuel oil.

Other brands of fuel oil have been demonstrated before the council. The matter was deferred for a week or longer. Lubricating oils too came in for discussion.

The council also considered the applications on file for positions in the power plant. It seems to quite the understanding that

Al Roberts will be selected for plant manager. Bob Funk too seems certain to find a permanent berth at the plant.

Both these men have had considerable practical engineering experience and seem quite the logical persons for the jobs.

City Manager George Granger has full authority in making these selections, however, he feels that he desires the opinions of the members of the council in this ticklish job. Efficiency in plant operation is the prime factor to be considered and we believe this is being done in every instance.

### Former Resident PASSED AWAY

Carl Englund, a former resident of Grayling, passed away suddenly while at his work as engineer for the Beutel Pickling Company in Bay City Monday.

He became suddenly ill and before physician could reach him had passed away.

The Englund family resided in

Grayling for several years when

Mr. Englund was employed as

boiler-maker for the M. C. R.

They will be remembered as fine

citizens enjoying a large circle

of friends who will be sorry to

learn of Mr. Englund's death.

The deceased was 58 years old

and is survived by his widow,

one daughter Margaret and two sons Carl Jr. and Donald.

Funeral services are being

held today and Algol Johnson

and daughter, Mrs. Howard

Granger, left this morning to be

in attendance at the rites.

### FREE METHODIST CHURCH Corner Shellburner and State King David said, "I was glad

when they said unto me, let us

go into the house of the Lord."

Ps. 122, 1.

Quarterly meeting services.

Friday night preaching at 7:30.

Saturday night preaching at 7:30.

### Sunday Services

Sunday School at 10:00 a. m.

Preaching at 11:00 a. m. followed

by Sacrament of Lord's Supper.

Young People's meeting at 7:00 p. m.

Preaching at 7:30 p. m.

These services will be in charge

of Rev. T. H. Reid of Alpena, dis-

trict elder of Alpena district, who

will remain throughout next

week in charge of revival ser-

vices each night at 7:30 p. m.

I. H. Lee, Pastor.

### Joseph Duby Funeral Held Saturday

Joseph Francis Duby, a pio-

neer of Lovells passed away at

Mercy Hospital Thursday morn-

ing, February 1, at 8:30 o'clock

following a three weeks' illness.

"Joe," as he was called by his

friends, was 79 years old and

came to the United States from

Ottawa, Can., at the age of 14.

He lived first in Milwaukee, later

in Midland and then Alpena. At

the latter place in 1887 he was

united in marriage to Anna Key.

Mr. and Mrs. Duby shortly came

to Lovells, first locating at

Buck's Hill; later they home-

steaded 3 1/2 miles from Lovells,

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1940

**In the Editor's Mail****TIME TO STOP PUBLIC SPENDING**

To the Editor:

Dear Sir:  
On July 1, 1916, our national debt was \$1,000,000,000.

Today our national debt, direct and contingent, exceeds \$46,000,000,000 and we again face the problems of a war-torn world.

As long as the people support those who advocate political spending and believe the Federal Treasury is bottomless, there is little possibility that we will have a Congress able to stem the tide of excess appropriations short of ruinous inflation and the destruction of the value of all personal savings.

The statement introduced into the Congressional Record by Senator Harry F. Byrd, is designed to show clearly how the Federal Government is able to keep on spending billions more than it takes in by direct taxes. Its purpose is to arouse more public support for economy and sound finance in government.

This short statement presents a point of view which we think you may wish to bring to the attention of your readers.

Sincerely yours,  
John Lowry,  
President, The Merchants Association of New York.

1019 Beaconsfield Ave.  
Grosse Pointe Park, Mich.

February 3, 1940.  
Mr. O. P. Schumann  
Crawford Avalanche  
Grayling, Mich.

Dear Mr. Schumann:  
Enclosed please find check for \$2.00 for the renewal of my subscription to the Avalanche.

We all enjoy reading the news of the "home town" paper very much.

Very truly yours,  
Camilla Meyers.  
(Mrs. E. G. Meyers.)

**WEATHER**

The weather man has been very generous to the Grayling Winter Sports this past weekend, for their Carnival. Friday was the coldest morning since our last weather report, the thermometer registering 2 below at 6 a.m.

The other mornings it has been above 20. Sunday afternoon, the big day of the Carnival, the mercury climbed to 40 above, still not harming the skating or sliding at the park. It was an ideal day, as was shown by the enthusiastic crowd at the park. Monday the thermometer still climbed higher in the afternoon, going up to 42 above, the warmest day since winter set in.

Higgins Lake in Roscommon county has been changed from the "pike lake" to the "all other" classification, to delay the fishing season opening from April 1 to June 25 for protection of perch in spawning time.

**Two Big Games Saturday Night**

Saturday night, February 10, the high school gymnasium will be packed with excitement as the local Hanson Cafe team engages two of the strongest teams in Northern Michigan.

Boyne City will furnish the opposition in the first tilt in a Northern Conference game. Following the Boyne City game the Hanson Cafe will clash with the Mid-west Oilers of Alma. This team has lost but one game out of twelve played this year and was runner-up in the state tournament for independent teams at Lansing last year. Most of their players have had college experience and with their fine record they bring one of the best teams to be seen on this floor in the past few years. (You fans must remember the Alma team of three years ago.)

So it's a bargain bill for Saturday night, two games for the price of one.

Next Wednesday, February 14, the Pellston Bronco's appear here, bringing the highest scoring team in the conference. Fresh from the 114 to 46 win over Peckley, they will appear in Grayling for the first time. (No other Pellston team has ever played here.) Bob Sims, Pellston high coach set all scoring records when he scored 64 points in the Petoskey game. Sims stands six feet four inches in his bare feet. However, he does play with shoes on.

Don't forget — two games Saturday night and the Pellston game Wednesday, February 14.

**TEBBETS TENDERED A FAREWELL BANQUET**

"Birdie" Tebbets was guest of honor at a farewell banquet put on by the employees of the Winter Sports Park Monday night. Guests were C. J. McNamara, president of Grayling Winter Sports, Inc., Clarence Johnson, vice-president and park manager, Harold MacNeven, secretary; A. J. Joseph, treasurer, and various park committee members.

It was a perch fry with all the trimmings and the 44 that sat around the board consumed 115 pounds of perch. "Dago" Laurant was chairman of the arrangements and made sure there was enough to eat. "Blackie" LeVan fried the fish and it was done to a turn and very delicious as was expressed by the banqueters.

During the banquet there were impromptu talks by the officials and some of the park employees, and "Birdie" expressed his appreciation for the fine co-operation that had existed among all concerned in the association and at the park.

There wasn't a lot of pomp and ceremony to the party but there was plenty of good fellowship.

**MICHIGAN'S SIZE**

A circle drawn with the southeastern corner of Michigan as its center and a radius long enough to include the northwest corner would pass outside New York City, Nashville, Tenn., and St. Louis, Mo. It would include all or part of 18 states and much of Canada, as well as three-fifths of the U.S. population and three-fourths of U.S. industries.

**They Would**

If we ordinary citizens could settle our debts like nations, says that civilization as we know it will last 40,000 years trying to prepare the generations of the future for the worst? — Detroit Free Press.

**84% Oppose 3rd Term For Roosevelt**

MI. Pleasant, Feb. 5 — In the first student opinion poll to be conducted on the campus of Central State Teachers College this week, students returned an overwhelming "No!" to the question of a third term for President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Of the students interviewed only 14.2 per cent favored Roosevelt for a third term, while 84.1 per cent declared against it.

As an alternative for the president's chair Thomas E. Dewey led with 37 per cent as compared to Arthur H. Vandenberg with only 18 per cent. Roosevelt followed in the favor of the students with 13 per cent. Taft and Garner were also named.

Only one per cent of the students, however, desired immediate abolition of the federal relief measures. An overwhelming majority, 93 per cent, granted labor the right to organize, but only 45 per cent would permit labor the right to strike, while 46 per cent were opposed to giving labor that right.

On birth control legislation 55 per cent of the Central State students interviewed believed it was socially necessary and 13 per cent stated it was intolerable.

In international affairs students differed most and yet on one question nearly all were agreed. Only 41 per cent maintained we should not aid the allies with money and supplies if a German victory should appear imminent. However, 87 per cent stated in no uncertain terms that the United States should not aid the allies with men even if they were losing.

More people were apprehensive about Nazi activities in this country than about communist activities, although the percentages were close. There was a larger difference on the question of the Dies committee. About 44 per cent of the students believed it was more important for the Committee to investigate Communist activities in this country and only 36 maintained the committee should investigate Nazi activities. The remainder believed neither merited digging into.

On another international question, concerning which would be desired, an English-German-French alliance against Russia, or an English-Russian-French alliance against Germany and only 26 per cent wanted the alliance against Russia.

On a question of returning to national prohibition 62 per cent of the students opposed the return while 37 were favorable to another prohibition amendment. One per cent offered no opinion. Frank Murphy lost in favor as governor of Michigan, when only 45 per cent of the students approved of him in that office while 54 per cent disapproved. At attorney general, however, 59 per cent approved and only 32 per cent disapproved.

Fifty-four per cent of the students believe there should be an increase in military and naval appropriations this year, while 45 per cent of the students were opposed to such a movement.

The results of the poll were secured by student interview and were obtained by personally contacting every sixth student enrolled.

**Must Be**

Is the college professor who says that civilization as we know it will last 40,000 years trying to prepare the generations of the future for the worst? — Detroit Free Press.

**Personal News**

Grayling Sportsman's Club will meet at the Grange Hall on Tuesday evening, February 13, at 8 o'clock. Important.

Mr. and Mrs. William Simpson of Romeo, are spending this month at their cabin at Lake Margarethe.

Lynn Smith of Albion and Lloyd Smith of Oxford, students of Albion College, spent Sunday with Dr. and Mrs. Stealy.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Buell of Durand were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Barber over the week-end, here for the carnival.

Miss Margaret Cluff of Montreal, Can., is visiting her mother, Mrs. James Cluff, at the home of Mrs. George Alexander.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Welsh entertained Mr. and Mrs. William Dreyer and family of Bay City over the Winter Sports Carnival.

Sunday Mr. and Mrs. C. J. McNamara entertained the latter's brothers Larry and Les LeMieux of Flint, who came for the carnival.

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Benny Jorgenson returned home Sunday from Black River, Mich., where he visited his sister, Mrs. Ralph Warner and family for three weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bigham of Tawas City visited the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Bigham at Maple Forest, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Menno Corwin and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hanson spent Tuesday in Bay City and Saginaw. They visited Miss Irene McKay in Saginaw.

Mrs. A. J. McInnis and Mrs. Glenn Penard of Detroit were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Milner while attending the Winter Sports Carnival week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred C. Olson and son A. C. were snow train passengers Sunday and while here were guests of the former's mother, Mrs. N. P. Olson, and other relatives.

Misses Mary and Patricia Morris came home from Inkster on the snow train and visited the parental home. The former had as her guest Wilbur Heckman of Ypsilanti.

Mrs. Ralph Routier and son Ralph, Jack Snel Grove of Detroit, and Miss Muriel Briggs and Russell Bradley of Ann Arbor were guests over the week-end of Miss Margrethe Bauman.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Schwertd entertained the former's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Schwertd of St. Joseph for over the Winter Sports Carnival.

Mrs. Harry Reynolds and son Tom of Midland, were in Grayling over the week-end to visit her mother, Mrs. William McNeven before the latter left for the South.

Mrs. Eva Wingard returned home Saturday from a three weeks visit with her daughter, Mrs. William Simpson in Romeo and with friends in Ithaca.

Mrs. Margaret Lyons and Miss Carolyn Coates of Grand Blanc were guests of Miss Ingeborg Hanson Sunday, coming on the Flint snow train special.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Joseph entertained Mrs. Fred Wood and son, George E. Pouter and Mrs. Marion Bursch of Traverse City, Miss Marion Huntington of Eaton Rapids and son Bill. Miss Huntington and Bill attend Cleary College, Ypsilanti.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnow Hanson entertained Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bradley of Detroit over the weekend. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Raino the latter a sister of Mrs. Hanson, of Detroit, were also among the weekend visitors here for the winter sports carnival.

Mr. and Mrs. George Olson left Monday morning by motor for Hollywood, Fla., which is a few miles south of Miami, expecting to be gone for six weeks. Miss Georgianna remained to look after the business at the Rialto.

Mrs. George Sorenson enjoyed a week-end visit from her sister, Mrs. Arthur Johnston, of Grand Rapids. Mrs. Johnston was accompanied by her three daughters, Loretta, June and Lola Jean, who had as their guests Ray and Harry Smith, also of Grand Rapids.

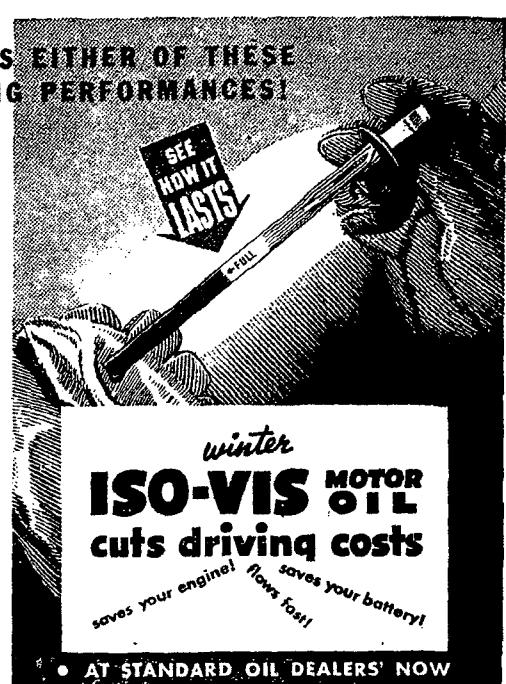
Medical experts are divided as to whether it is safer to kiss or shake hands. That depends.—Atlanta Constitution.

Mrs. William McNeven left via the snow train Sunday night bound for Bradenton, Fla., where she will be the guest of Mrs. Vera Gilson of Sunfield and Grayling, who is spending the winter in Florida. Mrs. McNeven is not sure just how long she will remain in the South.

Fred Waldbauer, William Waldbauer and Mrs. William Smith, all of Bay City, came up Sunday to see their sister, Mrs. James Lynch, who has been confined to her home for the past three weeks with a bad cold. On Monday Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lynch of Alpena, were guests at the Lynch home.

**You'll go for both!**

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• AT THEATRES SOON

**Check Up On Trout Fishermen**

The average Michigan trout fisherman fishes 3 1/2 hours per day to catch, on the average, 3.2 fish having an average length of 9.1 inches, at the average rate of 0.9 fish per hour. Of the trout he catches, 76 per cent on the average are brook trout, 12 per cent brown trout and 12 per cent rainbows.

These averages appear in the report of the eleventh consecutive year of the inland fishing creel census compiled from random interviews by conservation officers on patrol. The compilation is by O. H. Clark of the Institute for Fisheries Research, scientific study branch of the fish division of the Michigan department of conservation.

Averages are based on records of 5,253 fishermen who fished 18,775 hours on inland trout waters to catch 17,016 fish of which 1,263 were not trout. A third of the fishermen interviewed had caught no fish at all.

The catch of 0.9 fish per hour is believed high as conservation officers patrol the better trout streams. In northern districts the catch was consistently lower. Brook trout averaged 8.7 inches long, brown 10.4 inches and rainbows 10.2.

**Mark Twain's Peace**

Mark Twain's satirical prayer for wartime is in part as follows: "O Lord, our God, help us to tear their soldiers to bloody shreds with our shells; help us to cover their smiling fields with the pale forms of their patriot dead; help us to drown the thunder of guns with the shrieks of the wounded, writhing in pain; help us to lay waste their humble homes with a hurricane of fire; help us to blight their lives, protract their bitter pilgrimage, making heavy their steps; water their way with their tears, stain the white snow with the blood of their wounded feet!"

**Balloons for Pontoon**

Raymond Tomaso, 29-year-old grocer of Waltham, Mass., has developed a new type pontoon which he would like the navy to accept for submarine salvage work. Fashioned of huge balloons, the pontoons would be used in the same fashion as the heavy wooden pontoons used by the navy in operations at the scene of the Squid disaster off Portsmouth, N. H. To prove the effectiveness of his invention, Tomaso submerged a large store refrigerator, filled with sand, weighing about six tons, in the Charles river. He attached his balloon pontoons, and inflated them with air from an automatic pump. Divers went beneath the surface and reported that the chest had been raised more than a foot from the river bottom.

**Tombstone for Cat**

A new marble tombstone, its gleaming stone in sharp contrast to the smoky crossing shanty, stands over the grave of Frisco, a cat, in downtown Birmingham, Ala. Frisco was one of two kittens hurled from a passing automobile 12 years ago. The other died, but Frisco soon was well and had made friends with the crossing watchmen. Frisco died recently. Half a hundred flagmen, engineers and switchmen bought the marker for Frisco's grave. James Daniels, a flagman, keeps the grave decorated with flowers.

**Rarest Bird**

The ivory-billed woodpecker is the rarest of North American birds. It is a large bird with a distinctive crest and a white patch on its wing. It is found in the southern United States, particularly in the swamps of Louisiana and Mississippi. It is a rare sight, and sightings are often reported in the news media.

**TRADE MODERN DETROIT** or Pontiac house for ranch, timber land or land suitable for resort. Must have river or lake. P. A. Gemmill, 870 Menominee, Pontiac.

**HOUSE FOR SALE** — Corner State and Alger Streets. 7 rooms, glass sun porch, shrubbery, 165 feet fronting Au Sable river. Attractive place. Closing estate. Price \$800, cash or easy terms. E. L. Houghton, Grayling. Dial 4391. 2-8-2

**GIRL, 15, WANTS WORK**, taking care of children evenings and week-ends. Has had experience. Can give references. Dial 3681.

**FOUND** — A couple of padlocks tied with a black



Non-partisan News Letter  
Michigan Press Association

By GENE ALLEMAN

Just "where" is Michigan's \$31,000,000 state deficit?

"Who" holds the bills?

How long can the state government continue to meet its obligations with cash?

Auditor General Vernon J. Brown, in response to the above questions, presents to readers of the "Michigan Mirror" a brief picture of how Michigan functions financially and how the present plight has developed.

"In the mind of the general public," states Mr. Brown, "the condition of the general fund of the state attracts most attention. However, the general fund is but one of the 57 accounts into which the financial transactions of the state government are divided.

"These 57 accounts are actually required for the purpose of proper accounting. The number has not been taken from the advertising of a popular brand of pickles and relishes, but the figure represents actually the number of accounts required to be maintained."

#### General Fund

"The general fund holds popular attention because into it go the revenues from a large number of sources and out of it are paid the expenses of most of the large number of governmental agencies and functions.

"The Michigan Mirror has asked me to define for its readers just what constitutes the general fund. Briefly, the general fund carries the expenses of all the various state departments, including contributions to education, public health, welfare and social aids, public safety and defense, conservation and recreation, the department of agriculture, grants to local units of government for various purposes, as well as payments to be made to the sinking funds for the retirement of bonds and the payment of interest thereon.

"In point of total receipts of and expenditures from, the general fund of course overshadows all the special funds. Total receipts to the general fund during the fiscal year amounted to \$93,768,056.02; the total expenditures from the general fund during the same period, including those expenses actually paid and those incurred but not paid and June 30, 1939, amounted to \$117,483,273.57.

#### Point of Exhaustion

"Many people ask how the state can operate on a \$31,000,000 deficiency.

"That, of course, can only be accomplished because funds other than the general fund carry substantial balances offsetting the overdrawn or deficiency balance in the general fund. Obviously, when the total of the deficiencies in the general fund and other funds having deficiencies equals the total of the balances contained in the funds having balances, then the cash resources of the state become exhausted.

"This vanishing point becomes dangerously close when total deficiencies reach the \$32,000,000 level."

This concludes the auditor general's remarks.

#### Deficit to Grow?

Unless a combination of additional sales tax revenues and reduced liquor inventories come to the rescue, Michigan's \$31,000,000 deficit is likely to grow during the next five months. (The state's fiscal year begins on July 1.)

Faced with the alternative of

## Depth of Michigan Lakes

Three hundred and forty-three Michigan lakes have been surveyed and sounded for the Fisheries Division of the Michigan State Conservation Dept. by employee crews of Michigan State CCC camps since 1935.

At least ten Michigan State CCC camps have crews engaged in the survey of additional lakes during the present 1940 winter season.

The questions so frequently asked by tourists and fishermen alike, "How deep is it?" and "How big is it?" can now be more readily answered, at least for many lakes, by Department of Conservation officials.

Contrary to legendary reports of "bottomless" lakes, CCC surveyors have to date, found only over 100 feet in depth. They are Witch Lake in Marquette County, 101 feet; Higgins Lake in Roscommon County, 135 feet; Thumb Lake in Iron County, 115 feet, and Bradford Lake in Otsego County, 102 feet.

Houghton Lake in Roscommon County, the largest yet surveyed, covers 19,840 acres and is followed in size by Higgins Lake, Roscommon County, 10,500 acres; Manistique Lake, Luce County, 10,200 acres; Black Lake, Cheboygan County, 9,900 acres; Hubbard Lake, Alcona County, 8,890 acres; Indian Lake, Schoolcraft County, 7,990 acres; Walloon Lake, Charlevoix County, 4,316 acres.

There is no relation between the size and depth of a lake. Thumb Lake in Charlevoix County covering 465 acres is 151 feet deep in one place while the deepest spot in the 1050-acre Lake Millicougan in Mackinac County is only 10 feet. Bradford Lake, Otsego County, 225.5 acres in area is 102 feet deep while Mari Lake in Roscommon County covers 234 acres but is a mere 4 feet in depth.

Calling a special session of the legislature to appropriate more welfare money, Governor Dickinson has decided to risk a paper deficit during the 1939-40 fiscal year and thus to permit welfare spending in excess of 1938 appropriations.

Only 2,000,000 will remain on March 1 from the \$8,750,000 welfare appropriation. This is about \$2,000,000 short of estimated needs from March 1 to June 30. If that sum is offset by a million dollars from a reduced liquor inventory and another million rising from sales tax revenues, then the state's deficit will stay at the \$31,000,000 mark. Otherwise it will keep climbing.

It was Muri DeFoe, liquor commissioner, who intended recently that present inventories were higher than they should be (and that buying orders were favoring a few distillers). The governor's decision is considered to be a tacit admission that DeFoe's judgment of the situation was right. (Frank Murphy, when governor, did the same thing; liquor stocks were cut to squeeze out cash for relief.)

#### Where Taxes Go

The decade of 1930-40 just closed was one of the business hard times.

State expenditures, however, will be \$46,000,000 more than they were in 1930. Of this amount \$40,500,000 constitute grants of aid to local units and only \$5,500,000 is for administrative and operating costs. Out of the \$40,500,000, a round \$27,000,000 a year goes for new benefits, not provided 10 years ago, as old age assistance, dependent children aid, help for blind, welfare relief and so on.

To handle the combination of local and state functions, the state's payroll during 1939 was \$329,719 more than it was during the previous year. Compared with 1935, the state army of employees has increased 5,100. These are cold facts.

They afford a better understanding of the financial dilemma facing state officials today.

## European Hare Increasing In Michigan

Possibility that the day's hunting may include a shot at an European hare now adds to the sport of rabbit hunters in southeastern Michigan. Though still rare, these big hares which first came to the attention of Michigan hunters in 1934 are reported increasing and spreading.

Giants compared with cottontails and snowshoes, the European hares often reach a weight of well over 10 pounds. Those in Michigan have come from Ontario where the stock is believed to have started with animals which escaped from pens at Brantford in 1912. They were introduced elsewhere in North America first in 1893.

Canadians hold "rabbit drives" when the big hares are so numerous as to damage trees, shrubs and vines. Though the hares live on agricultural lands like cottontails, they appear to prefer more open fields, particularly winter wheat fields.

Value of the European hare for sport is decreased for some by the fact that it can outrun most hunting dogs. If it should ever become a threat to agriculture, it is believed its numbers could be controlled easily by hunting.

#### Is America Safe From Attack?

We have a long and vulnerable coast line to defend. We are envied and hated by nations that desire certain of our possessions. The crux of our vulnerability is the Panama Canal. Without it we could easily be crippled. Is it properly protected? If not, how long would it take to give it the protection it needs?

Frazier Hunt, famous foreign correspondent and author, offers the result of an intensive study of the subject. Read the results of this study in his article. It appears in This Week, the magazine with Sunday's Detroit News.

#### The Trouble

Insects, says an eminent entomologist, compete with man for food supply of the world. But even that wouldn't bother us so much, if they didn't go and regard us as part of the food supply--Boston Herald.

Largest quarry in the world is that operated at Rogers City, Mich., where limestone is so pure it is valuable as flux in steel manufacture.

#### Smoking And Drinking? Watch Your Stomach!

For quick relief from indigestion, heartburn and acid stomach due to excessive acidity from too much smoking and drinking try Adia Tablets. Sold on money back guarantee. Sold at all drugstores.

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MINCE MEAT, Home Made, 2 lbs.	25c
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PICNIC HAMS, Hockless, lb.	15c
RIB STEW, lb.	12c

**A. S. Burrows**

**LOCALS**

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1940

Our operator says he didn't any bathing girls in Florida. "They all wore furs instead of bathing suits."

Grant Shaw is driving a brand new 1940 four-door custom De-Soto which he purchased of Corwin Auto Sales.

Grayling Sportsman's Club will meet at the Grange Hall on Tuesday evening, February 13, at 8 o'clock. Important.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Peterson, of Grayling Wednesday morning, February 7, at Mercy Hospital.

Brown and brook trout are hatching out at the Grayling fish hatchery every day. However, it will be quite some time before these fish will be limit size.

Alta May, the 3-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Fairbotham (Dorothy Atwell) passed away suddenly at their home today (Thursday). Funeral services will be held Saturday from the Grayling Funeral Home at 2 o'clock.



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Four snow trains are scheduled for next Sunday, two from Detroit, one from Lansing and one from Jackson.

Yesterday was Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the penitential season of Lent.

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**SCHOOL NEWS****FREDERIC SCHOOL****Third and Fourth Grades**

The third and fourth grades have been making clocks and have been learning how to tell time. They went outside and told time by the sun and were only twenty minutes off.

The third grade have been studying birds and they made some attractive bird books.

Mr. Lee has had the NYA boys remove the fifth and sixth grade seats from the third and fourth grade rooms. It supplies more room for projects.

Everyone is interested in soap carving since the movie has been shown on art. Irene Trusty brought an igloo to school that she made.

The third grade are busy making bird houses and they are making a feeder to put in the school yard.

Those receiving a B average or better for this month are: Arla Barber, Nancy Hodge, Jane Rowe, Jeannene Stillwagon, Joyce Howe and Gretchen Payne.

They are studying an Eskimo units. They are making a village in sand and one outside also.

**Seventh and Eighth Grade**

The seventh grade had a party last Monday night and they invited the eighth grade. They slid down hill and then went in and had a lunch with Mrs. Quick.

**Shop**  
The shop boys have a new plaything. An old phonograph which Mr. Phippo brought into the shop for the boys to fix. It had a broken spring which was easily fixed and they had a little music for a couple of days, but the spring is broken again, and the poor fellows don't know what to do now.

**Basketball**

The Frederic basketball team played Merritt there Friday, February 2, 1940. There were three games, the high school, team, peanut league, and the independents.

**Social**

The all-girls' club have their second meeting the sixth of February at the home of Helen Wallace. Let's see more members present.

The girls' 4-H club have been having meetings each noon to get caught up on their behind work.

Two promising young ladies led the yell Tuesday night and we certainly hope to see more of you, Buddy and Doris.

What is that terrible sound that is heard every day at three o'clock and continues until dismissal? Could it be the band?

Several movies have been enjoyed throughout the week. One that was very interesting was the carving of animals out of soap and one in technicolor on citrus fruits was shown to the H. E. class.

The English literature class is going around tearing their hair and we suppose it is from their orations. They should be good.

**Snoopy Column**

On the bus trip Friday night what was it that made Gloria Manier's face so red when the lights went on.

That was a cute one that Gloria Kennedy gave Johnny (oh, Johnny!). Also on the bus trip, Did Dennis get his on Monday?

Victor Parson has been informed that he must use correct English in all his classes. Poor Vic.

Phyllis Lozon informed me the other day that the girl that Tom got the bell from was a blonde.

Didn't Doodlebug Newberry kids? (Never mind, Suzy. There kids? Never mind, Suzy. There will come a day when Kellogg's corn flakes will fade and won't be popular.)

Eugene Harmer sure looks sad these fine days. Is it because Dorothy is gone, Gene?

The Home Ec girls gave criticisms on each girl's personality and from all reports some were pretty cattywampus.

Mrs. Quick was reading to her little children Tuesday afternoon and one of them said, "Mrs. Quick, what is that awful noise?" She told them it was the band upstairs. Anita said, "well, it smells awful."

Who was that, that dropped a junior class ring in the bus on Friday night? Be careful, Guy. Doris may want it some day.

We have a couple of Romeo's and Juliet's running in opposition. Helen and Jimmie better stay hid. June and Bill are back in school. And we know they will take the cake.

Both high school teams lost to Merritt in a tough basketball game last Friday night. They didn't lose because of no support because two bus loads went down to give them a few cheers.

**GRAYLING LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Sunday, Feb. 11, 1940

10:00 Sunday School.

11:00 Danish services.

English Lenten service Sunday, February 11, at 8 p.m.

Junior Ladies' Aid society meets at home of Miss Elma Mae Sorenson, Thursday, February 8, at 8 p.m.

P. C. Stockholm, Pastor.

**Carnival Notes**

Winter Sports Treasurer A. J. Joseph is happy because for the first time in many years the association is out of debt. Over \$3,000 was taken in during the carnival.

Last week's payroll at the winter park amounted to over \$600. There were 4736 paid admissions at the winter park last Sunday. Besides this, the snow trains brought in 2055 passengers, admissions for whom are not included in the above. This doesn't include membership tickets, free passes, and other admissions. No doubt there were over 10,000 people in Grayling Sunday.

Leo Macdonald, sports writer for the Detroit Times, was among those here during carnival week.

Claire Morill, feature writer for the Midland Daily News, and a party of friends were here for the carnival, Saturday and Sunday.

The Bay City Times staff was well represented at the carnival. Managing Editor Glenn MacDonald headed the party, with Bert Stoll, Fred Birge (Finney) and Helen Bradley, dramatic editor.

The Albert Pochelon family of Detroit, don't miss Grayling whenever there is winter sports.

Not too much thanks can be given to Clarence Johnson's G. W. S. Greenshirts, George, Frank, Dago and all the rest of the gang for their fine spirit and handling of the activities at tre park.

If anyone had seen this same spot during deer hunting season, they would have to admit that someone, somewhere must have had a time not alone of hard work but hard-thinking. It looked almost as if it would be impossible to have things ready for this winter. Thanks to those whose hard work and efforts accomplished the almost impossible.

The welcome extended to all visitors by the Queen and her court with the Grayling band at the depot did wonders to make those low in spirit feel cheerful and glad to spend a few hours out of doors in the snow.

The hostesses, the bus drivers, the men in their open trucks carrying the crowds to the park all pitched in ever so hard to make all of it a real success.

The almost innumerable automobiles had no trouble to find parking space. The state troopers were ever ready to eliminate traffic jams and prevent accidents.

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Detroit, Michigan, Feb. 6, 1940.

Honorable George Burke,

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Dear Friend:

Permit me to express my sincere thanks for the courtesy extended Mrs. Black over the last week-end. The hospitality and friendliness extended to us by the people of Grayling exceeds anything I have ever seen in my experience.

My wish to you is for an abundance of success and health for the years to come.

Sincerely yours,

Gerald (Jerry) Black.

**Hear Stevenson Broadcast**

Jimmy Stevenson, golden-voiced news commentator over station WJR Detroit, brought a thrilling show to a capacity crowd in the high school auditorium Saturday at 6:00 p.m. Probably few performances previously enacted in Grayling ever created as much interest and welcome as did Stevenson's regular news broadcast that night.

Accompanying Stevenson to Grayling to complete the details and arrangements necessary to produce a nation-wide transmission, was the regular station engineer who worked in close harmony to produce a 15-minute news program with the maximum coordination that makes news broadcasts successful and interesting.

Sauntering into the high school auditorium at 5:45 garbed in the dress of the northwoods—brown woolen shirt open at the neck, dark ski trousers and overshoes, his kind attitude and simple manner immediately captured the admiration of all those present.

Following Bud Mitchell's regular introduction, Jimmy's familiar voice opened the program with his adopted, "Thanks Bud; Hi There, Folks!" after which he welcomed Michigan thousands to a week-end of fun and frolic at Grayling's Winter Sports Park.

Speaking for Altes beer, Jimmy made a complete summation of the European situation.

National political news and state happenings were next outlined followed by weather reports and a short report by Bud Mitchell in behalf of Altes, the company

that makes Jimmy's broadcast possible.

The various news items were followed by a brief final reminder of Winter Sports at Grayling.

Detroit's "Adonis of the Air" spoke with lightning rapidity that has always characterized his broadcast and local admirers greatly appreciated the opportunity to see as well as hear the voice that has thrilled all listeners and who will never be forgotten because of his "Kentucky Club" fame.—Contributed.

Detroit, Michigan, February 6, 1940.

Thank you Graylingites for a most wonderful "Winter Sports" time. All the thousands who spent a few days or even a few weeks during the Winter Sports Carnival, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, surely must have entertained the same thoughts as I did when leaving Grayling on the way back home. How can I show my appreciation any better than to say:

"Thanks a Million!" for a most enjoyable and healthful week-end.

Never before were weather conditions so in harmony and accord and never before was the hospitality of the Grayling folks so outstanding as last Sunday.

Albert Pochelon family of Detroit, don't miss Grayling whenever there is winter sports.

Pappa, Mamma, Julius, William, and Emma Louise all do love to slide, glide, ride and frolic in the "beautiful." They almost seem a part in Grayling winter sports.

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